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PATENT

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Sir:

In response to the Office action dated November 8, 2001 in the above-identified application, please amend the above-identified application as follows.

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In the specification, please replace the paragraph beginning at page 7, line 15, beginning with "This feature ..." and ending with "... points 42 and 44." with the following paragraph.

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--This feature is illustrated particularly in Fig. 5A, which shows three adjacent wave segments, including segment 18 in its expanded (or expanding) form. Distances between opposite sides 36, 38 of wave segment, such as distances 40, 42, 44, are shown for a number of points between looped peak 46 in segment 18 and opposite looped peaks 48 in segment 18 and 50 in adjacent segment 20. In the plot shown in Fig. 5B, the x-axis represents the distance from a peak in a wave segment to the opposite peak of the wave segment, with the ordinates 40, 42, 44 in Fig. 5A shown. The distance along the y-axis represents the distance between opposite sides of the